

Arrest

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According to the complaint, on Jan. 8, 2012, Gallo traveled to Pennsylvania with potassium chlorate and magnesium in a PVC (polyvinyl chloride) pipe, planning to cause an explosion. According to a release from Matthew Reilly, public affairs officer of the U.S. Attorney in the District of New Jersey, Gallo never applied for the requisite user permit or license that would allow him to transport chlorate explosive mixtures.

On Jan. 19, Gallo was admitted to the emergency room of a hospital in New Jersey for burn injuries from another potassium chlorate explosion.

On Feb. 7, one of Gallo's parents contacted officials at USD requesting that Gallo's belongings be packed and stored for either subsequent pick-up or shipment back to his home address in North Caldwell, as he would not be returning to the university.

Upon discovery of various unidentifiable chemicals in Gallo's room at Coyote Village by a resident assistant, law enforcement was alerted, and various incendiary mixtures and materials, including improvised thermite and red iron oxide,

were recovered.

Campus police and the Vermillion Police Department, along with authorities from Sioux Falls, quickly appeared at the scene last January. A "bomb squad" vehicle was parked outside Coyote Village during the search of the room, and about 20 students were evacuated from the building as a safety precaution. Investigators left the campus shortly after midnight, Feb. 8, and students were able to return to their rooms.

According to the criminal complaint filed against Gallo Wednesday, law enforcement officers observed several items when they entered his room last February, including:

- A modified ballpoint pen housing that contained "strike anywhere matches" and a substance later determined to be possibly a form of improvised thermite mixture, with steel balls embedded in the end of the housing, and wrapped in blue painter's tape. Improvised thermite is typically a mixture of iron oxide powder and aluminum powder and in an incendiary mixture. The combination of the mixture, and the "strike-anywhere matches" that could be used to ignite the mixture, could propel the steel balls as a form of shrapnel.
- A pyramid-shaped item approximately the size of a tennis ball made of gray duct tape with a fuse protruding through the opening at the top of the item. Law enforcement in South

Dakota ultimately determined that the item contained approximately 500 match heads.

- A clear plastic bag containing ash remains that are visually consistent with burned improvised thermite mixture.
- A modified cigarette box that contained a 9-volt battery to which red and white wires were attached, gray duct tape, black electrical tape, and a small piece of cardboard encapsulating silver foil object.
- A wall poster appearing to be a hand-drawn image of, among other things, an arrow pointing down to the initials of University 1 on a platform, and cigarette package with word "DEAD," moving toward the platform.
- A five-pound pack of red iron oxide. While red iron oxide powder has industrial uses, it is also one of the ingredients of thermite, which can be used in destructive devices.
- A plastic bag containing powder of a color consistent with the color of the powder in the bag marked "Red Iron Oxide." This bag, however, was labeled to indicate it contained aluminum powder. Aluminum powder and red iron oxide are the only two ingredients necessary to create thermite.
- Match sticks with the heads removed.

Law enforcement spoke with numerous individuals after the room search, including a childhood friend of Gallo's, identified only as "Individual 1." This individual stated that he had seen Gallo approximately two weeks earlier, and had exchanged emails with Gallo about making bombs fireworks, or other explosive materials.

A court-authorized search of Gallo's Facebook account was also conducted, revealing Gallo's obsession with explosives. At approximately 5:27 a.m. on Jan. 8, 2012, Gallo wrote, "about to drive to Pistolvania (sic) to blow up some sick s**t." Another individual ("Individual 2") responded, "whatcha gonna doo (sic)?"

Gallo responded at approximately 5:31 a.m., "400 ml kclo3+mg (potassium chlorate and magnesium)." Kelo3+mg represents the formula for potassium chlorate and magnesium, chemicals that when combined, can produce an explosion.

At approximately 5:32 a.m., Individual 2 wrote: "oh my."

Gallo wrote, at approximately 5:34 a.m., "yea in a pvc pipe." A minute later, he wrote, "its sickkkk (sic) lol we gotta drive to like the middle of f**cking nowhere." Individual 2 thereafter immediately responded, "hahah (sic) is it worth it though?"

Gallo responded at 5:45 a.m., "yea this s**t will blow ur arm off." At 5:47 a.m., Gallo wrote, "I (sic) gotta (sic)

goo (sic) tho (sic) im (sic) pistolvania (sic) bound!"

Later, at approximately 5:02 p.m., Gallo wrote, "... yoo (sic) that s**t we set off in pistolvania (sic) was NUTS." At approximately 5:09 p.m., Gallo elaborated, in response to Individual 2's inquiry, "my friend took a video ill (sic) show u wen (sic) he sends it to me. it (sic) def (sic) had more explosive power than a mark II fragmentation grenade it was soooooooooo loud."

At 7:30 p.m. Jan. 8, Gallo posted that he had driven more than 200 miles in three states.

According to the complaint, Gallo was admitted on Jan. 19 to the emergency room of a hospital in New Jersey for burn injuries from a potassium chlorate explosion.

On Jan. 24, Gallo engaged in an exchange on Facebook with another individual (Individual 3). In response to the comment by Gallo that his "face was half burned off," Individual 3 asked, "what did yu (sic) do?" Gallo responded, "potassium chlorate explosion ... KClO3 (potassium chlorate) is a common oxidizer that they used to use in grenades back in wwduce (sic)."

Gallo is the second former USD student arrested with an alleged connection to the January 2012 bomb scare at Coyote Village.

Elan Haba, 19, a sophomore on the Rutgers-Newark campus in Newark, N.J., was arrested Feb. 7 and

faces charges including theft, and possession of fireworks and a prohibited weapon.

A resident of North Caldwell, N.J., Haba was brought to the attention of authorities by officials from USD following the search of Gallo's room at Coyote Village.

According to The Associated Press, the USD authorities said that Haba had an alleged connection to the "student in question."

A dorm on the Rutgers-Newark campus was evacuated Feb. 8, 2012, while the FBI searched for further potentially hazardous substances relating to Haba, who has been released to his parents, the AP said.

If convicted of the charges, Gallo faces a maximum potential penalty of 10 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$250,000.

Both Gallo and Haba may also eventually face criminal charges from Clay County States Attorney Teddi Gertsma. When contacted by the *Plain Talk* Wednesday afternoon, Gertsma said she couldn't comment as the investigation by the South Dakota Department of Criminal Investigation is ongoing.

Plain Talk reporter Travis Gulbrandson and *The Associated Press* contributed to this report, specifically *AP* reporter Samantha Henry who supplied the *Plain Talk* with copies of court documents filed in New Jersey Wednesday.



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St. Leo Parish

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Tyndall, SD 57066-0047
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St. Leo Tyndall, SD

December 24 - Christmas Eve Mass, 5:30pm
December 25 - Christmas Day Mass, 9:00 a.m.

St. Vincent Springfield SD

December 24 - Christmas Eve Mass, 8:00pm



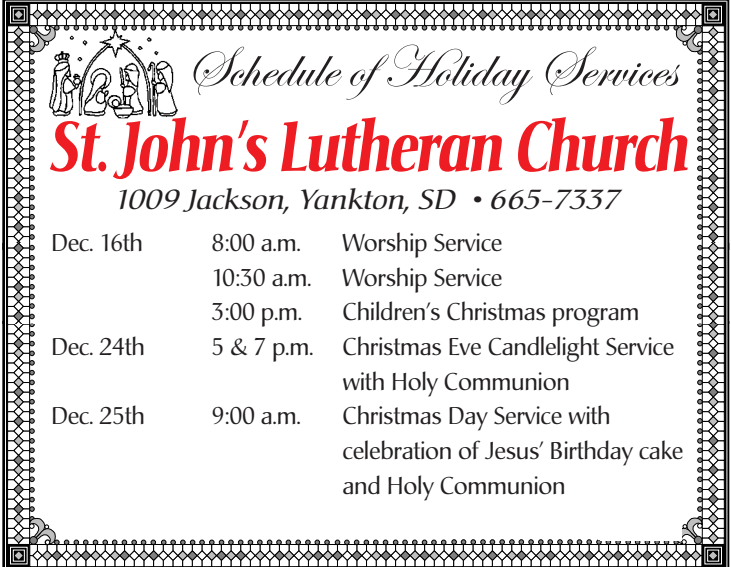
Riverview Reformed Church

1700 Burleigh St, Yankton • 665-9204

Sunday, December 16th
Potluck Dinner - 11:30AM
Children's Christmas Musical - 1:00 PM

Sunday, December 23rd
Fourth Sunday in Advent
Morning Worship - 9:30 AM

Monday, December 24th
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - 5:30 PM



St. John's Lutheran Church

1009 Jackson, Yankton, SD • 665-7337

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| Dec. 16th | 8:00 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Children's Christmas program |
| Dec. 24th | 5 & 7 p.m. | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion |
| Dec. 25th | 9:00 a.m. | Christmas Day Service with celebration of Jesus' Birthday cake and Holy Communion |



Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

201 E. 25th St.

Holiday Services - 2012

Wednesday, Dec. 12 - Advent by Candlelight - 7pm
Sunday, Dec. 23 - A Christmas Carol Song Service - 9:15am
Monday, Dec 24 - Christmas Eve Worship - 6:30pm
Monday, Dec. 31 (New year's Eve) - Worship Service - 6:30pm



Sacred Heart Monastery

Bishop Marty Memorial Chapel
Sacred Heart Monastery
Yankton


Christmas Day, December 25
10:00 a.m. - Mass

New Years Day, January 1
10:00 a.m. - Mass

Have a blessed Christmas!

Peace Presbyterian Church

206 East 31st Street, Yankton, SD 57078 • 665-0448
Reverend Dr. Nelson Stone • Reverend Marilyn Stone



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| Sunday, Dec. 16th | 10:00 A.M. | Sunday School Birthday party for Jesus |
| Christmas Eve | | |
| Monday, Dec. 24th | 7:00 P.M. | Lessons & Carols |
| Sunday, Dec. 30th | 10:00 A.M. | Worship Service Farewell to the Stones |



Calvary Baptist Church

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| Sun., Dec. 9 | 9:00 a.m. | Sunday School for all ages |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Service |
| Sun., Dec. 16 | 9:00 a.m. | Sunday School for all ages |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Worship Services |
| | 12:00 a.m. | Farewell potluck honoring Pastor Jeremy Nelson |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Preschool and Elementary Children |
| Thurs., Dec. 20 | 7:00 p.m. | Sunday School Christmas program |
| Sun., Dec. 23 | 9:00 a.m. | Calvary Kids Preschool Program |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School for all ages |
| Mon., Dec. 24 | 5:00 p.m. | Worship Service Christmas Eve Service |

2407 Broadway Ave., Yankton • 665-5594 • www.cbchurch.com

Trinity Lutheran Church

403 Broadway, Yankton, SD • 665-7415

We invite you to attend one of our December 24th Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Times are 4:00, 6:30 & 10:00 pm
Communion will be served at all services.

Sunday School Christmas program is 3:00 pm December 16th



Cornerstone Evangelical Church

Christmas Eve Service
Monday, Dec. 24th
6:30pm



Rev. Oliver Omanson, Pastor
Stewart Elementary School
208 W. 21st, Yankton



Sacred Heart Parish

509 Capital St.
Yankton
665-3655



*Celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord!
All are welcome!*

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| December 24 | 4:00 p.m. | Mass (Sacred Heart Childrens Choir - Music begins at 3:30pm) |
| | 6:00 p.m | Mass |
| | 10:00 p.m. | Mass (Sacred Heart Choir - special music begins at 9:30 p.m.) |
| December 25 | 8:00 & 9:30 a.m. | Mass |
| | 2:00 p.m. | Spanish Mass, Confessions 1:15pm. |
| | | All masses at Sacred Heart Church |



First United Methodist Church

207 West 11th St, Yankton • 665-2991
Our Mission: To grow disciples of Jesus Christ and equip them for ministry in the world.
Rev. Ron Johnson, Senior Pastor • Pastor Bob Cappel, Associate Pastor

Sunday, December 16th
6:30 PM Sunday School Christmas Program followed by a Birthday Party for Baby Jesus
Sunday, December 9th, 16th and 23rd
8:30 AM United Methodist Hour on KYNT, 1450 AM
9:00 AM Worship Service, Contemporary; childcare provided
10:15 AM Sunday School for all ages; childcare provided
10:30 AM Worship Service, Traditional; childcare provided
Christmas Eve, December 24th
4:30 PM Worship Service, Candlelight Service
7:00 PM Worship Service, Candlelight Service



United Church Of Christ (Congregational)

5th & Walnut, Yankton, SD
665-7320

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| Dec. 9th | 5:30 p.m. | Adult Choir Christmas Candlelight Concert - "The Sounds and Melodies of the Christmas Season." |
| Dec. 16th | 10:00 a.m. | Children's Christmas program "The King's Birthday." |
| Dec. 24th | 6:00 p.m. | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service |



Christ Episcopal Church

517 Douglas, Yankton, SD

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| Dec. 9th | 9:00-9:30 a.m. | Serenity (Meditation) |
| | 10:15 a.m. | The Holy Eucharist & Sunday School - (Bishop of SD visiting) |
| Dec. 16th | 9:00-9:30 a.m. | Serenity (Meditation) |
| | 10:15 a.m. | The Holy Eucharist - Children's Christmas Pageant |
| Dec. 23th | 9:00-9:30 a.m. | Serenity (Meditation) |
| | 10:15 a.m. | The Holy Eucharist & Sunday School |
| Dec. 24th "Christmas Eve" | 5:00 p.m. | Candlelight Holy Eucharist |
| | 11:00 p.m. | Candlelight Holy Eucharist |